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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

**EUGENE R. WEDOFF,
BANKRUPTCY JUDGE**

In re:

STEPHANIE LORENZEN

Debtor.

Case No. 08 B 07673

Chapter 7

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF ORDER AWARDING TO
LEIBOWITZ N/K/A LAKELAW, ATTORNEYS FOR CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, FOR ALLOWANCE AND
PAYMENT OF FINAL COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

TOTAL FEES REQUESTED:	\$2,412.50	TOTAL COSTS REQUESTED:	\$0.00
TOTAL FEES REDUCED:	\$180.00	TOTAL COSTS REDUCED:	\$0.00
TOTAL FEES ALLOWED:	\$2,232.50	TOTAL COSTS ALLOWED:	\$0.00

TOTAL FEES AND COSTS ALLOWED: \$2,232.50

The attached time and expense entries have been underlined to reflect disallowance in whole or in part. The basis for each disallowance is reflected by numerical notations that appears on the left of each underlined entry. The numerical notations correspond to the enumerated paragraphs below.

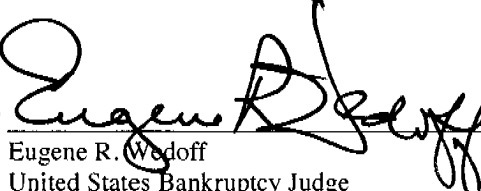
(1) Clerical Work Not Compensable

The court disallows the compensation of clerical or stenographic employees of the professional for the performance of routine clerical or administrative activities in the normal course of the professional's business, such as photocopying, secretarial work, or routine filing. Such activities are not in the nature of professional services and must be absorbed by the applicant's firm as an overhead expense. *In re Dimas, LLC*, 357 B.R. 563, 577 (Bankr. N.D. Cal. 2006) (citing *Missouri v. Jenkins*, 491 U.S. 274, 288 n. 10 (1989)). See also *In re Chellino*, 209 B.R. 106, 114 (Bankr. C.D. Ill. 1996) (Paralegal, but not "clerk" services entitled to compensation at an hourly rate; clerk activities are overhead of the professional); *Souza v. Miguel*, 32 F.3d 1370, 1375 (9th Cir. 1994) (Trustee not entitled to reimbursement or compensation of overhead expenses such as secretarial, stenographic, clerical, and routine messenger services).

(2) Trustee Work Can Not Be Compensated As Professional Services

"The Trustee cannot effectively expand the maximum limits of Section 326(a) by hiring other people to perform his duties for him, whether they are paralegals, attorneys, accountants or other professional persons, and utilize the potentially unlimited scope of Section 330 as a basis for award of reasonable compensation." *Boldt v. United States Trustee (In re Jenkins)*, 130 F.3d 1335, 1341 (9th Cir. 1997) (quoting *In re Prairie Cent. Ry. Co.*, 87 B.R. 952, 959 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1988)).

Dated: June 9, 2010


Eugene R. Wedoff
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Lakelaw
420 West Clayton Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4216

Date: 5/18/2010

Regarding: LorenzenStephanie.Legal
Invoice No: 05814

Services Rendered

Date	Staff	Description	Hours	Rate	Charges
Leg - Asset Disposition					
2/15/2010	CAC	Review and revise Motion to Sell 2003 Volkswagen Passat	0.40	\$300.00	\$120.00
2/15/2010	MIG	Draft motion to sell equity in 2003 passat	1.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
2/16/2010	MIG	prepared to file Motion to authorize sell of equity on vehicle by printing docs. to pdf	0.20	\$150.00	\$30.00
2/16/2010	MIG	Electronically filed Motion to authorize sell of equity on vehicle	0.40	\$150.00	\$60.00
3/10/2010	JTB	Prepare and Attend Court Hearing RE: Motion to Approve Sale of Vehicle	1.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Sub Total: Leg - Asset Disposition					\$710.00
Leg - Case Administration					
1/15/2009	NDT	Telephone conference with condominium association re: state of property title, bk procedure, and possible offer from nieghbor	0.60	\$150.00	\$90.00
Leg - Claims Admin & Objections					
11/03/2009	MIG	Draft objection to claim no. 2	0.50	\$100.00	\$50.00
11/13/2009	VME	Prepared to filed objection to Claim 2 by printing docs to ppf.	0.20	\$150.00	\$30.00
11/13/2009	VME	Electronically filed objection to Claim 2	0.40	\$150.00	\$60.00
11/13/2009	VME	Service of objection to Claim 2	0.20	\$150.00	\$30.00
12/15/2009	JTB	Attend Hearing RE: Objection to Parent's proof of claim	1.10	\$350.00	\$385.00
1/06/2010	MIG	Draft amended objection to claim 2	0.50	\$100.00	\$50.00
1/07/2010	MIG	Conference David re amended objection to claim. He'll review it later today	0.10	\$100.00	\$10.00

1/11/2010	MIG	Prepared to file supplement to objection to claim No. 2 by printing to pdf	0.20	\$100.00	\$20.00
1/11/2010	MIG	Electronically filed supplement to objection to claim No. 2 and Notice of Filing	0.40	\$100.00	\$40.00
1/11/2010	MIG	Service of supplement to objection to claim No. 2 and Notice of Filing	0.30	\$100.00	\$30.00
1/11/2010	MIG	Prepared Notice of Filing for supplement on objection to claim	0.20	\$100.00	\$20.00
1/11/2010	MIG	Conference with CAC re filing supplement, and made revisions per review	0.40	\$100.00	\$40.00
1/19/2010	DPL	Attended to hearing on objection to claims	0.50	\$625.00	\$312.50

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Sub Total: Leg - Claims Admin & Objections

\$1,077.50

Leg - Fee/Empl Applications

9/30/2008	CAC	Court - Motion to employ granted	1.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
3/10/2010	MIG	Review of billing in preparation of Fee app	0.40	\$150.00	\$60.00
4/27/2010	MIG	Prepared Coversheet for Lakelaw's fee application	0.30	\$150.00	\$45.00
4/27/2010	MIG	Review of Lakelaw's Fee Application	0.40	\$150.00	\$60.00
4/27/2010	MIG	Draft of Fee Application	0.80	\$150.00	\$120.00
4/28/2010	JPE	Revise fee application; phases for some items adjusted; email MIG to re-generate application for final review.	0.20	\$250.00	\$50.00

Sub Total: Leg - Fee/Empl Applications

\$585.00

Leg - Fee/Empl Objections

5/06/2010	CAC	Review and revise Trustee's Application for Compensation	0.40	\$300.00	\$120.00
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Total Fees \$2,582.50

Previous Balance

\$0.00

Balance Due

\$2,582.50

Phase Table

Phase	Hours	Fees	Rate	Expenses	Charges
Leg - Asset Analysis & Discovery	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Leg - Asset Disposition	1.60	\$240.00	150.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
Leg - Asset Disposition	0.40	\$120.00	300.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Leg - Asset Disposition	1.00	\$350.00	350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Leg - Business Operations	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00